

**Looting the Sutter.**

Editor National Tribune: I wonder whether or not any survivor of the Second Division, Sixth Corps, especially of the Second (the Vermont) Brigade remembers the destruction and looting of a big sutler tent at Stevenson's Station, Va., in December, 1864, when the division left the Shenandoah Valley to return to the Potomac?

The division left Camp Russell in the morning, Friday, Dec. 3, reaching Stevenson's Station at 10 o'clock. The men were provided for our transportation some being box cars and some flat cars. Co. E was fortunate enough to be assigned to the flat car, and I was, although many had to ride in the flats, resulting in many being sent to the Army Hospital at Washington.

Right in front of the car, and perhaps 100 feet away, was a very large sutler's tent, the largest I ever saw while in the army. It was standing at the side door of our Pullman I saw

rammed and crammed into a box car, although many had to ride in the flats, resting until they being sent to the Army Medical Hospital at Fort Ord.

Right in front of the car, and perhaps 100 feet away, was a very large tent, the largest I ever saw. While standing at the side door of our Pullman I saw a crowd gathering around the tent, and soon men began grabbing articles—which I saw were of considerable value—from their car. The crowd grew in number, and soon the tent began to sway from side to side until the whole thing collapsed. Men began running in all directions, and soon the tent was a mass of splintered boards flying from every direction, and Mr. Butler's goods were soon scattered in some were carrying hams or turkeys, and others were carrying tin pans; in fact, the entire stock was glimmering.

Among the spoils gathered by a party of 24 men was a barrel of very good goods, denominated "commissary," full barrel which had not been tapped. Willing hands lifted the barrel, or bung, and the goods came flying out of the head, and tin cups, cans, and other things, everything which would contain the fluid were brought into use.

but a sentinel approached in the person of the day. Gen. Foster ordered the men not to tip the barrel out onto the ground, but as nobody made a move in that direction, the General ordered the sentinels to guard, the General climbed into the barrel, tipped the barrel out to the ground and stayed by until it was smashed—Chas. Porter, Co. E, 11th Vt., Grinnell, Iowa.

**Gen. Wm. Sirwell.**

Mary H. Sirwell, Kittanning, Pa., in response to an inquiry as to the antecedents of Gen. Wm. Sirwell, 78th Pa., says that she is his daughter, and also that she knows her grandfather was a native of England, and that he married to Eliza or Elizabeth Graham, also a native of England. Her grandfather was a soldier and also a skillful musician, and was a member of the British America, and was armorer at the Allegheny Arsenal, where her father was born into the garrison and gatekeeper guarded by sentinels. He was born a soldier and died a soldier, and it is possible to find a life more devoted to his country, his God and his home. He received a pension of a few dollars just before the war, and was a very noble woman, and noted for her charities far and near. She never received

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